



## Legislation Text

**File #:** 1175-2019, **Version:** 1

**1. BACKGROUND:** This legislation authorizes the Director of Public Utilities to enter into a service agreement with RAMA Consulting Group, Inc. for the Blueprint Columbus Community Outreach 2019 Project, CIP 650004-100003. The services provided in the Blueprint Columbus Community Outreach project consist of supporting the implementation of Blueprint Columbus in multiple project areas. This work includes educating and informing residents about the Blueprint problems being addressed; providing adequate notification of the work being performed; advising the City regarding residents' concerns; and providing training or additional support for contractors, City field staff and other staff as needed. Future modifications / renewals are planned.

**2. PROCUREMENT:** The Department of Public Utilities issued a Request for Proposals (RFP's) on February 12, 2019 pursuant to the overall requirements of City Code Section 329 in order to solicit proposals for community outreach to support implementation of Blueprint Columbus in three project areas. Three proposals were received and reviewed, and it was determined that the proposal submitted by Rama Consulting Group, Inc. would best meet the needs of the Department of Public Utilities.

**3. PROJECT TIMELINE:** Approximate one year (365 days) depending on project area. The Consultant shall be responsible for outreach services in the following Blueprint project areas:

- Clintonville 1: Q3 2019 - Q2 2021
- Old Beechwold: Q3 2019 - Q2 2021
- N Linden 1: Q3 2019 - Q2 2021
- Hilltop 1/Miller Kelton: Q3 2019 - Q2 2021
- 5th X NW/Hilltop 4: Q4 2020 - Q2 2021
- Clintonville 3: Q4 2020 - Q2 2021

**4. EMERGENCY DESIGNATION:** An emergency designation **is not requested** at this time.

**5. CONTRACT COMPLIANCE NUMBER:** 20-4647970 | MBE | Exp. 3/31/2021 | Vendor # 001370

**6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:** Administration of the Blueprint Community Outreach contract ensures community input is received and utilized to design the best solutions for unique neighborhood needs. Not only does this help Blueprint develop comprehensive solutions for our communities, it also helps create an efficient process that reduces excessive costs resulting from engineering redesigns and timeframe extensions associated with addressing resident concerns through a less formal process.

**7. FISCAL IMPACT:** This ordinance authorizes the transfer within and the expenditure of up to of \$467,348.04 from the Sanitary Sewer General Obligation (G.O.) Bond Fund 6109 and an amendment to the 2018 Capital Improvements Budget.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to enter into contract with RAMA Consulting Group, Inc. for the Blueprint Columbus Community Outreach 2019 Project; to authorize the transfer within and the expenditure of up to of \$467,348.04 from the Sanitary Sewer General Obligation (G.O.) Bond Fund; and to amend the 2018 Capital Improvements Budget.(\$467,348.04)

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Utilities solicited RFPs for community outreach proposals pursuant to the to the overall requirements of City Code Section 329; and

**WHEREAS**, RAMA Consulting was selected using the RFP evaluation process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blueprint Columbus Community Outreach will provide support to the implementation of Blueprint Columbus projects in multiple areas; and

**WHEREAS**, there are six target areas that will be addressed in the next two years; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to authorize the transfer within and the expenditure of up to \$467,348.04 from the Sanitary Sewer General Obligation (G.O.) Bond Fund 6109; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to amend the 2018 Capital Improvements Budget for purposes of creating and providing sufficient budget authority for the aforementioned expenditures; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities to authorize the Director to enter into an agreement with RAMA Consulting Group, Inc. for the Blueprint Columbus Community Outreach project CIP 650004-100003, for the preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety, and welfare; **now, therefore**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of Public Utilities is hereby authorized to enter into service agreement with RAMA Consulting Group, Inc., 897 East 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43211 for the Blueprint Columbus Community Outreach 2019 Project in accordance with the terms and conditions as shown in the agreement on file in the Department of Public Utilities.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer \$467,348.04 within the Sanitary Sewer General Obligation Bond Fund 6109, per the account codes in the attachment to this ordinance.

**SECTION 3:** That the 2018 Capital Improvements Budget Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

**Fund | Project No. | Project Name | Current Authority | Revised Authority | change**

6109 | 650034-100007 | Blacklick Creek Interceptor | \$924,778 | \$457,429 | (-\$467,349)

6109 | 650004-100003 | BP Columbus Community Outreach 2019 | \$0 | \$467,349 | (+\$467,349)

**SECTION 4.** That the expenditure of up to \$467,348.04 is hereby authorized from the Sanitary Sewer G.O. Bond Fund 6109 per the accounting codes attached to this ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** That the said firm, RAMA Consulting Group, Inc., shall conduct the work to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Utilities and the Administrators of the Division of Sewerage and Drainage.

**SECTION 6:** That the said firm, RAMA Consulting Group, Inc., shall perform the work to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Utilities.

**SECTION 7.** That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer any unencumbered balance in the project account to the unallocated balance within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project; except that no transfer shall be made from a project by monies from more than one source.

**SECTION 8.** That the City Auditor is authorized to establish proper project accounting numbers as appropriate.

**SECTION 9.** That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

**SECTION 10.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed appropriated and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**SECTION 11.** That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.